REMARKS

- 1. Reconsideration and further prosecution of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the discussion that follows. Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. A restriction requirement has been imposed on the drawings.
- 2. The Examiner is apparently of the opinion that the drawings disclose patentably distinct inventions. As asserted by the Examiner Species I is disclosed in FIGs. 1-6, Species II is disclosed in FIGs. 7 and 8 and Species III is disclosed in FIGs. 9-15B.

In response, the applicant elects Species II (FIGs. 7 and 8), with traverse. In this regard, it believed that at least claim 4 is readable upon FIGs. 7 and 8.

Allowance of claims 1-8, as now presented, is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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